

Winning goal comes as home side tires in tough encounter

Sports Mail Special Report

IN one of their toughest Isthmian League games of the season, against championship challengers, Bromley, Wycombe Wanderers showed good constructive play in attack, but missed many chances by over-eagerness in front of goal. Bromley finished well against a tiring side to win 2-1.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Lewis, Atkins; Thomas, Fisher, Beck; Rockell, Ashby, Bates, Trott, Murphy.

Bromley: Price; Whittington, Norman; Nash, Basham, Nelson; Hall, Viney, Sheckles, Nottage, Keats.

Referee: B Parsons (RAF).

Wycombe had the better of early exchanges, with Bates, Trott and Murphy showing excellent constructive play.

Ashby missed one good chance for Wycombe after a lively run by Trott and a little later the Bromley goalkeeper, Price, ran out to dispossess Trott, who nipped through with a pass from Bates.

Bromley's nearest attempt came when right winger Hall broke through, but his shot went just over the bar.

Wycombe almost went ahead when Bates broke through on his own. Challenged by the goalkeeper, he managed to get the ball back to Trott, who just failed to score.

Bates brought another thrill when he beat centre half Basham, but shot wide only a few feet from goal.

At the other end, Sheckles split the Wycombe defence and was only inches off the mark with a powerful ground shot.

VINEY'S SIMPLE GOAL

After 26 minutes VINEY surprisingly put Bromley in the lead with a simple goal from a pass from Keats.

Wycombe had bad luck in boisterous counter-attacks. The Bromley left-back, Norman, twice stopped the ball on the goal-line, first from a defensive miskick and then from a powerful drive by Trott.

Wycombe's unluckiest bid of all, came when Rockell got through on his own and saw his shot into a empty goal stopped in the nick of time by Norman, who again managed to race back to clear off the line.

Half-time: Wycombe 0, Bromley 1.

Bromley were soon on the offensive in the second half and goalkeeper Brown did well to stop a neat header from Sheckles from a right wing centre.

A little later the Bromley leader tested him again with a speculative long range shot from the right wing.

But Wycombe were equally active, though no more successful in front of goal.

DARING CLEARANCE

Rockell just failed to connect with a square pass from Bates and then vigilant Bromley goalkeeper Price, saved his side with a daring clearance at the feet of Murphy.

It was no more than Wycombe deserved when an equaliser came 12 minutes after the interval. Rockell, who had moved to centre forward was brought down in the penalty area as he was going through on his own and Bates made no mistake from the spot.

Bromley, however, showed steadily improving form in counter-attacks, while the Wanderers seemed unable to achieve any effective cohesion in their own forward moves.

Half-an-hour after the interval as Bromley piled on increasing pressure against a tiring and often uncertain home defence NOTTAGE restored the visitors' lead, beating Brown close in after a header from Sheckles had been parried.

Wycombe continued to hit back and in one electrifying run Ashby thrilled the crowd with a powerful shot which went only inches wide.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDERERS	1
BROMLEY	2